GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2591
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WARDHA-NANDED NEW RAILWAY LINE PROJECT
Rathod Shri Harisingh Nasaru

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has conveyed their willingness to Railways to bear the 50% cost of Wardha-Nanded via Yavatmal-Pusad new Railway line project as included by Railways in 2007-2008 Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Maharashtra Government has put some conditions for 50% cost sharing of this project;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Railways have accepted those conditions; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the work on this project is likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (f): No, Sir. Railway had requested State Government of Maharashtra to share at least 40% of the cost as a special case in view of difficult conditions amongst farming community in Vidharbha region, without linking it with National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) and State Employment Guarantee Scheme (EGS). Now, State Government has consented for meeting the cost of earthwork and ballast through State Employment Guarantee Scheme Fund without taking any recourse to Government of India's Funds under National Rural Employment Programme. Since the offer of State Government is much less than 40%, they have been asked to share at least 40% cost of the proposed line.